

- ☐ **In the Matter of:**
☐ **In the Matter of the Guardianship of:**
☐ **Kinship Matter of:**

Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division - Family Part
County of _____ **- Select County -**

Docket Number: _____
NJSpirit Case #: _____

 NJSpirit Participant #:
 FC Docket #

Civil Action
Kinship Legal Guardianship
Multipurpose Order

- ☐ **Entering Default (FL)**
☐ **Scheduling Hearing (FL)**
☐ **Granting/Denying Legal Guardianship (FL)**
☐ **Dismiss/Withdraw Complaint for KLG (FL)**

This matter having been brought before the Court on _____, 20____, and in the presence of:

the child _____, ☐ appearing / ☐ not appearing
 Law Guardian _____ represented by ☐ appearing / ☐ not appearing

Caregiver [initials only in Division cases] _____ ☐ appearing / ☐ not appearing
☐ notified / ☐ not notified

Caregiver [initials only in Division cases] _____ ☐ appearing / ☐ not appearing
☐ served / ☐ not served

Defendant/Parent/Guardian _____ ☐ appearing / ☐ not appearing,
☐ notified/ ☐ not notified,
 represented by

Attorney _____ ☐ appearing / ☐ not appearing

Defendant/Parent/Guardian _____ ☐ appearing / ☐ not appearing,
☐ notified / ☐ not notified,
 represented by

Attorney _____ ☐ appearing / ☐ not appearing

Court Appointed
Special Advocate _____ ☐ appearing / ☐ not appearing

Division Caseworker/
Supervisor _____ ☐ appearing / ☐ not appearing

Division Phone number: _____ ext.: _____, represented by

Deputy Attorney General: _____ ☐ appearing / ☐ not appearing

Other: _____ ☐ appearing / ☐ not appearing

And the court having considered the complaint and the evidence and for the reasons stated on the record and in the best interest of the minor child;

It Is on This _____ Day of _____, 20__, Ordered That:

☐ **1. For applications made by the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (the Division) only:**

- ☐ The permanency plan for Kinship Legal Guardianship is approved.
- ☐ Until Judgment of Kinship Legal Guardianship is entered, the minor child shall remain in the care, custody and supervision of the Division. All prior orders entered under the related FC and FN/FG dockets remain in effect unless modified herein.
- ☐ The Court previously determined under the FN/FG docket that the defendant(s) were entitled to representation through the Office of the Public Defender due to their indigency. The Court continues to find that the defendant(s) _____ is/are indigent and is/are entitled to continued representation through the Office of the Public Defender (pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.21, et seq.* and *N.J.S.A. 30:4C-15.4*) under the FL docket.

☐ 2. A default is entered against _____. Parties have been served by: _____.

☐ 3. Parent(s) _____ consent to the entry of a Judgment for Kinship Legal Guardianship.

☐ 4. A hearing on the matter is scheduled on _____, 20__, at _____.

Failure to appear might result in the entry of a Default Order that grants KLG to the caregiver.

And the Court having reviewed the complaint, the assessment and attachments thereto, and _____ submitted in evidence as P- _____, _____ submitted in evidence as P- _____, and having considered the representations of counsel and testimony, if any, and for the reasons stated on the record,

It Is Further Ordered That:

- ☐ 1. The complaint for Kinship Legal Guardianship is hereby ☐ denied / ☐ dismissed / ☐ withdrawn for the following reasons:

_____.

- ☐ 2. Based on **clear and convincing evidence**, the complaint for Kinship Legal Guardianship is hereby granted for the following reasons: [must complete a, b & c in every case]

- a. Each parent's incapacity is of such a serious nature as to demonstrate that the parents are unable, unavailable or unwilling to perform the expected functions of care and support of child as follows:

_____.

- b. Each parent's inability to perform these functions is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future for the following reasons:

_____.

- c. Awarding kinship legal guardianship is in the child's best interest for the following reasons:

_____.

d. (For cases involving the Division only)

- (1) The Division has exercised reasonable efforts to reunify child with birth parents as follows:

_____.

- (2) These efforts were unsuccessful because:

_____.

- ☐ 3. [If applicable] The Support Order entered per FD- _____ remains in effect, except as amended as follows:

_____.

Further actions concerning the parties and issues of parenting time will proceed under the FL docket. Any issues involving child support, third party visitation or change of custody will proceed under the FD docket, without representation through the Office of the Public Defender.

- ☐ **4.** Entry of the Judgment of Kinship Legal Guardianship as to
(child's name) _____
will conclude/dispose of FC- _____; FN- _____; FG- _____.
- ☐ **5.** All provisions of the attached Judgment of Kinship Legal Guardianship of this date are incorporated by reference.
- ☐ **6.** The matter has been adjourned until _____, 20__.
- ☐ **7.** _____

_____.

_____, J.S.C.

These proceedings are confidential. The disclosure of any records, reports or information is strictly prohibited and subject to the penalties of N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.10b.

All prior orders not inconsistent with this order will remain in full force and effect.

Attorneys must review the form of order prior to exiting the courtroom. Failure to do so waives any objections.

Distribution: FC/FN/FG File, FL File, Parties, Counsel